

ALL ABOUT U.S. CITIZENS

Birth

Two main ways to be a U.S. citizen by birth:

- Born in the U.S. *Sail*
- Parents are U.S. citizens *blood*

Naturalization

List 6 requirements:

- At least 18
- Permanent resident 5 yrs.
- Good character
- Speak English
- Past test & interview
- Take Oath of Allegiance

Citizenship

Groups given the right to U.S. citizenship after 1860:

- African-Americans
- Native Americans
- Asians

Voting

Group that always had the right: White male property owners

Groups given the right in...

- 1870: African-Americans
- 1920: Women
- 1947: Native Americans
- 1971: Age 18-20

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Rights

3 rights only for U.S. citizens:

- Vote in federal elections
- Run for federal political office
- Serve on a jury

3 rights for ALL U.S. residents:

- Freedom of expression; worship
- Freedom of assembly; petition
- No unreasonable searches

Responsibilities

Everyone in the U.S. must:

- Obey the law

Responsibilities for U.S. citizens:

- Voting
- Serving on a jury

Male U.S. citizens must:

- Register w/ Selective Service

DUTY & HONOR

Allegiance

Allegiance: All U.S. citizens must be loyal to the U.S.

Treason: The crime of betraying your country

Pledge of Allegiance: Said by Americans to show loyalty to the flag & country

Patriotism

Patriotism: The deep bond or love most citizens feel with their country.

U.S. National Anthem: The Star-Spangled Banner

Independence Day: July 4

Citizenship: Just the Facts

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